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Sir:

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed for filing is [] an original patent application or, [X] a continuation-in-part patent application by **William K. Bischel and Tony C. Kowalczyk** for **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR VARIABLE ATTENUATION OF AN OPTICAL CHANNEL**

Also enclosed are:

- [X] Eleven (11) sheet(s) of [X] formal [] informal drawings;
- [X] Forty-two (42) sheets of specification, claims and abstract;
- [X] Application Data Sheet;
- [X] An executed Declaration for Utility Patent Application form;
- [X] Two Power of Attorney forms executed by the inventors;
- [X] An executed Joint to Corporate Assignment of Patent Application with form PTO-1595;
- [X] A Power Of Attorney form executed by Assignee of Record; and
- [X] An executed Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) with copy of executed Assignment

In addition:

- [X] **Applicant claims small entity status;**
- [X] No Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith because It is understood that the Examiner will consider all information which was considered by the Office in a parent application. MPEP 609.

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CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$355.00
Total Claims	24	MINUS 20 =	4	X \$9.00 =	36.00
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 3 =	1	X \$40.00 =	40.00
Total Application Fee					431.00
Add Recording Fee of \$40.00 if Assignment document is enclosed					40.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$ 471.00

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